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POTENTATE'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

"Es Selamu Aleikum"

WITHIN a short time after you read this message, I will cease to be Potentate of Aleppo Temple. It was a very great honor that the Nobility conferred upon me and I have given to the fullest extent of my ability so that my administration might be deemed a successful one.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Potentate. Among the extremely pleasant experiences were my visits to Ceremonials of other Temples, and I am proud of the sincere warm feeling that exists between

them and Aleppo.

During my term of office I have received the utmost loyalty and support from every member of the Divan and the various heads of all the units connected with our organization. Everyone has done his level best towards the progress of our Temple, and all have worked together harmoniously and efficiently. We are indeed fortunate in having two such very capable officers as our reserved and revered Treasurer, Frank W. Morrill and our congenial Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee.

I gracefully yield the responsibilities of Potentate to my successor, Lionel G. H. Palmer, who, being an able business executive of many years standing, will give us an administration of which I am sure we shall be proud. I shall be happy to serve him in any way possible, and extend to him every good wish for a successful administration.

I look forward to Aleppo Temple attaining even greater heights than it has in the past years, and hope we may continue to grow numerically until we become the largest Temple in Shrinedom.

I want to take this opportunity to express to each of you my sincere thanks for this amiable association and the willing cooperation you gave me during my term of office. I know you will do likewise for our next Potentate.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

"Aleikum Es Selam"

ARTHUR A. SONDHEIM,

Potentate.

NOBLE WRAGG RE-ELECTED GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

A T the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts held in Masonic Temple, Boston, Wednesday, December 12, Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg of Needham was reelected to the office of Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts for a second term. Most Worshipful Brother Wragg, who is a member of Aleppo was elected for a second term, having served as Grand Master for the past year.

The Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge took place in Masonic Temple Thursday, December 27, when the Grand Master and his fellow officers were in-

stalled in office.

Following the Installation of Officers the Feast of St. John was held in the banquet hall in Masonic Temple at which time Justice George E. Bushnell of the Supreme Court of Michigan delivered a most interesting talk on Masonic conditions in Europe. Illustrious Brother Bushnell, who is a 33rd degree Mason and at present the Puissant Grand Lt. Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States was one of a committee of four which was sent to Europe last year to make an extensive survey of the Masonic conditions in the European countries.

Another interesting speaker on this occasion was Worshipful Kristen A. Persen, Norwegian Consul in China for 27 years, a Past Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge of Shanghai, China. Worshipful Brother Persen was interned by the Japs for 27 months and related the many hardships inflicted on the Masons of China by the Japs during the war.

In addition to Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg the other members elected to Grand Lodge offices were: R. W. Peter A. Day, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Harry A. Starr, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. and Noble Frederick W. Hale, Grand Treasurer; and R. W. and Noble Frank H. Hilton, Grand Secretary.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge were: M. W. Samuel H. Wragg; M. W. Arthur D. Prince; R. W. James Young, Jr.; M. W. Claude L. Allen; M. W. Joseph Earl Perry; M. W. Melvin M. Johnson; R. W. Dean K. Webster; M. W. Albert A. Schaefer; all of whom are

Nobles of Aleppo and R. W. Herbert P. Bagley.

Among the newly appointed officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Master will be found three well known Massachusetts Masons and Shriners; that of R. W. Roger Keith of Brockton, who was appointed to the office of Deputy Grand Master; R. W. James Kriegman, well known among newspaper circles as the Production Manager of the Boston Globe, who was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Boston District and R. W. Frederick B. Duncan, brother of Aleppo's Assistant Rabban, Justin A. Duncan, who himself is a Past District Deputy G. M. was appointed a District Deputy of Boston 3rd Masonic District.

Other widely known Shriners to receive appointments by the Grand Master are: R. W. Lawrence M. Jackson of Belmont, who was appointed Director of Administration and R. W. Whitfield W. Johnson of Watertown, who was appointed Grand Marshal and Judge Advocate.



33° HONORS FOR PRESIDENT

THE Supreme Council, 33°, of the Southern Jurisdiction held its biennial session October 15 to 19, at the House of the Temple in Washington, D. C.

A number of prominent citizens of the United States were honored with the 33rd Degree. Among those present to receive the Degree on October 19, was President Harry S. Truman, a Past Grand Master of

the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Among other 33rds-Elect present for the conferral of the Degree were Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, James C. Penney of the Penney Stores, Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture. Several could not be present for the ceremony, including General Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Ben Lear, and Col. George F. Unmacht.

Promiment Masons elected Knights Commander of the Court of Honor included Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, Capt. Harold E. Stassen, U.S.N.; Maj. Gen. Shelley U. Marietta, Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Tines, Gov. Andrew F. Schoeppel of Kansas, former Gov. Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado, and L. Brooks Hays, U. S. Representative from Kansas.

SHRINE LUNCHEON—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23—COPLEY PLAZA HOTEL Speaker—DR. KARL T. COMPTON, President of Mass. Institute of Technology

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HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND MEMBERSHIPS INCREASED 40% IN 1945

THE \$60.00 Memorial Life Memberships in the Shriners' Hospitals, originated to endow the Shriners' Hospitals for all time, continue to be purchased in large numbers throughout North America. Since the inauguration of this membership nearly 100,000 have been sold nationally through the 159 Shrine Temples.

Aleppo Temple's sales in the past year jumped from 854 to 1,227, a gain of 40 per cent for the year.

The sale of 373 memberships through Aleppo for the year 1945 swelled the Hospital Endowment fund by \$22,540.00, four of the \$60.00 memberships being sold for an additional \$40.00 each.

These \$60.00 Endowment Memberships may be purchased by any Shriner, non-member or organization and if purchased in the name of a Shriner, the membership cancels the payment of the annual \$2.00 hospital assessment.

During the year 1945, eighty-three of these hospital memberships were purchased by friends and organizations interested in the work being carried on for unfortunate youngsters through the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

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NOBLE FRANK L. NAGLE RETIRES

AFTER 65 years with the Textile World, Noble Frank L. Nagle, who is the dean of publishers in the United States, has decided to retire and pass on his duties to his younger associates whom he feels are now familiar enough with the responsibilities of publishing to carry on without him.

Noble Nagle, who has held many high Masonic offices including that of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and who at present is the oldest living Past Grand Commander, was a Trustee of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo Temple for 28 years.

Mr. Nagle, who rose from office boy of the Textile Record in Philadelphia to publisher in Boston, and who has long been an outstanding industry figure, will divide his future time between his home in Newton and his winter abode in Florida.

Advertising was Mr. Nagle's chief concern while he was a partner in the firm of Lord & Nagle in this city and it has occupied his prime attention in recent years when he has served as Chairman on the board of the Bragdon, Lord & Nagle division of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., nationally known publishers.



FRANK L. NAGLE

Noble Nagle is a past Captain of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, a past President of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association and a former Alderman of the City of Newton where he has resided as a prominent citizen for the last 53 years.

Captain Nagle is relatively young at 85 and has earned the right to enter the pleasantest period of his lifetime, free from business cares and with ample time to enjoy the full company of Mrs. Nagle, a most delightful and charming lady.

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1946 IMPERIAL COUNCIL CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

WORD has just been received from Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master, that the 1946 Imperial Council Session will be held in San Francisco, California, July 23–24 and 25.

He advised that Imperial Potentate Woodfield recently announced, following a meeting of Imperial Officers held in San Francisco on New Year's day, that these new dates were irrevocable and that the session would be held with uniformed units in attendance. The Imperial Potentate said that the hotel and housing facilities would be ample for all at that time.

ALEPPO STAG NIGHT

T was a dark and stormy night when the Nobles gathered at Mechanics Building, Saturday, December 29, to witness the program of events at the Fifth Annual Stag Night of Aleppo Temple.

Yes, the wind she blew and the snow heaped high but it didn't prevent 1,500 Nobles and their guests from attending. And believe it or not — those present will — it was the best program ever arranged for an Aleppo Stag Night. The Nobles and guests who braved the wintry blasts were well rewarded for their effort and although the crowd was smaller than usual the enthusiasm ran high, which spurred the wrestlers on, resulting in a good time for all.

Noble Steve Passas and Johnny Balboa took the honors for the evening in a fast and furious 30-minute wrestling match. The bout was a draw but both Steve and Johnny received the longest and loudest applause we have ever heard given to any two wrestlers — and we've seen plenty!

Steve has been wrestling for many years and knows every trick of the game. He met a good and much younger opponent in Balboa, who is wrestling coach at Quincy High School. Our announcer and time-keeper, Noble Sam Smith, said he hadn't seen Steve wrestle so hard and so well in years.

Our two popular wrestling Nobles, Marvin Westenberg and Leo Numa entered the ring as did Steve Passas, wearing the Aleppo fez. Noble Leo's bout ended in a 30-minute draw with the "Gorilla Man" Ivan Rasputin, receiving an injured back and Noble Westy's bout ended with his opponent, "Sliding" Billy Hansen being carried off by the Referee, having received a bad injury due to an accident. These Nobles are rough boys and gorillas mean nothing in their young life.

Noble Paul Bowser, the popular wrestling promoter in this part of the country, who arranged the program assured the officers of Aleppo that he was giving them the best he had in his stable and to prove it he topped the card with a bout between the present wrestling sensation of the East, "Marine Jap Killer" Johnny Moochy and "Bad Man" Jim Wallis. After receiving some pretty rough treatment from Wallis, Johnny really got mad and must have seen the rising sun in his eyes, for he went to town on Wallis and really did a job. At least Wallis must have thought so, as he was in no frame of mind to be kidded after the match.

These matches kept the referee, Brother Charles Donnell on his toes all evening.

If you were absent, Noble, we're sorry you missed it and hope the weather man will be a little more gentle next time.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE — Section 206 of Article 24 of the Code of the Imperial Council: The printing, circulating or distribution of resolutions, in the Temple, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section the Imperial Potentate shall suspend the offending Noble, or Nobles, until the next regular session of the Imperial Council, and he may, in his judgment declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election. The Recorders of Temples shall mail a notice of the annual session and election to all members of the Temples at least one week prior to date of said notice shall contain this section.

85 NEW SHRINERS CREATED IN DECEMBER

AT a special business meeting of Aleppo Temple held in Paul Revere Hall, Mechanics Building, Saturday, December 29, 85 petitioners were balloted upon and accepted for membership.

At this special December meeting which was held in conjunction with the Stag Night of the Temple, the novices who braved the severe winter storm to learn the secrets of the Mystic Shrine were obligated in full form by the Aleppo Ritualistic Degree Team.

The Degree Team, which has done such laudable work under the direction of Noble Wilfred C. Mills, consists of a group of well known ritualists all of whom are Past Masters of their Blue Lodge. In addition to Nobles Mills the members of the Degree Team are Nobles: Francis E. Homer; Ernest K. Rogers; Charles Ross; William H. Wallis; Arthur Wolfe; Dwight L. Woodberry and Gerald F. Zedren.

The 85 new Shriners who were initiated at this ceremony were:

Gustaf H. Abrams of Brookline Edward E. Allen of Cambridge Lloyd M. Allen of Medford Benjamin Alter of Dorchester Coleman Andelman of Cambridge John R. Ayers of Weston Harold L. Barton of Weymouth Benjamin Bellar of Roxbury Harry W. Blackstone of Brookline Lewis J. Blumenthal of Providence, R. I. Morris Boorstein of Everett Willard S. Bowen of Boston Harlan T. Boynton of West Medford Roy C. Carlson of Boston Allen J. Cochrane of Foxboro Chester F. Colcord of Framingham George Townsend Coward of Cambridge Everett J. Croscup of Wellesley Harold A. Davidson of Belmont Henry E. Davidson of Arlington Harry Drake of Boston Earle G. Farnsworth of Wellesley William Fishman of Roxbury Louis M. Flashenberg of Brookline Christopher M. Garland of East Braintree Samuel M. Goran of Brookline Harold L. Greene of West Newton Lester R. Griffin of Lowell Irving J. Halperin of Brighton Stanley G. Harris of Lynn Osiaz J. Henick of Brighton Sidney G. Holmes of Boston William M. Hopf of Newton Centre Storer P. Humphreys of Newbury Charles Wheeler Hutchins of Worcester Samuel Kaplan of New Bedford Percy G. Kelley of Melrose John Klemer of Salem Joseph P. Kontzen of Bedford Benjamin Kravitz of Brookline George E. Lakschewitz of Belmont Guy S. Langstroth of Needham Milton Linden of Chestnut Hill Wilfred D. Little of Arlington John Maroskos of Lynn George S. Milner of Chelsea Stanley D. Morse of Boston Walter T. Nelson of Worcester Max Orlick of Brookline James L. Ourieff of Dorchester Paul A. Ousback of Lexington Edward M. Phillips of Mattapan

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TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

YOU are now a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. A proud title rightly earned and a member of what we believe to be the best Shrine Temple in North America.

Being a Shriner makes you no less a Mason. It gives you no license to do anything as a Shriner that you feel you shouldn't do as a Mason, as a Knight Templar or as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. You should respect your Fez the same as vou do vour Lambskin.

The Shrine believes in fun, but in harmless, clean fun which will not harm you nor anyone else in any way. It believes in Congeniality, Joviality, and Conviviality, but not to the extent of being inconsiderate of the rights of others.

Aleppo Temple will be just what you help to make it, no better, no worse.

Imperial Council law wisely makes it necessary that every Noble must have a current paid up dues card before he is allowed to participate in Shrine activities in his own or any other Temple. If you want to be a real Noble and a real Shriner therefore, see that your current dues are paid, come to the meetings, the Ceremonials, and the other festivities of the Temple and when you come, come with a smile.

When you pass a Noble on the street as shown by his pin, put on your broadest

smile and say, "Hi, Noble!" If you want to get the most out of your Shrine and at the same time help it the most, let your slogan and actions be - "HELLO, NOBLE LET'S TRADE SMILES.'



THE MOUNTED PATROL By Noble Kenneth B. King

T seemed like old times to see so many of the Troopers out at a business meeting and dinner at the Hotel Gardner on the evening of December 17. Many things were thoroughly discussed and preliminary plans made for the New Year.

For the information of those not present, it was decided to ride only two evenings a month during the extreme winter. Due to the many activities of each member at this particular season of the year, the Troopers will ride on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at Good's Riding School, 41 Franklin Avenue, Medford, Mass. Each Trooper is especially requested to advise Clerk Vappi before each ride as to whether he can or cannot be present. Each Trooper should make every effort to be present at the Annual Meeting of Aleppo Temple on January 25 and the Annual Meeting of the patrol, exact date of which has yet to be set.

Plans are also being made for another of those Mounted Patrol Ladies' Nights some time this spring. We owe it to the ladies for all the times we have not been home in the evening, or have kept them waiting that

We are glad to welcome back Trooper Patterson, who has recently returned from the Pacific. Trooper Clarke, at last report, is also on his way back to the States. Trooper Potter is still at Fort Devens. Colonel Potter will be glad to see any of the Troopers any time they happen to be out

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NOTES OF **NOBLES**

A LETTER and a newspaper clipping from Past Potentate Clarence J. McKenzie, who is spending the winter months at his winter rendevous in sunny Mount Dora, Florida, indicate that the bass fishing, which is Clarence's hobby, is not up to par. The clipping stated that the "black bass seem to sleep late these winter mornings." All we can say is: "They are smart, and we would do the same thing if we were in Florida." But Clarence is a true disciple of Isaac Walton and knows that the bass fishing in Florida is best from noon to sunset so we feel sure he is enjoying his hobby and filling his creel with Florida bass as often as he does during the summer at Dudley Pond in Cochituate where he enjoys the New England sunshine during the summer months.

Among the 14 officers of the 1st Service Command of Boston, who recently received the Legion of Merit Medal in a ceremony and presentation by Lt. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold was Col. and Noble William J. L. Roop of Aleppo. "Bill," who is one of the original members of the Aleppo Mounted Patrol did an outstanding job with the U.S. Army Engineers in World War II.

The following letter was received from the Chairman of the Shrine Hospital at Springfield, by Illustrious Potentate Arthur A. Sondheim in appreciation of his gift to the youngsters at the hospital at Christmas time.

"December 24, 1945

"Mr. Arthur Sondheim

"73 Tremont Street

"Boston, Mass.

"My dear Noble Sondheim:

"You will be pleased to know that we were able to purchase additional outfits for each child that is going to be in the hospital for Christmas with your generous check.

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"Best wishes for the Holiday Season, "Sincerely yours in the Faith,

"(Signed) HARRY H. CASWELL, "Chairman, Board of Governors."

Noble Jared Jernegan, District Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific Railway at Boston, was elected President of the Boston Passenger Club at its Annual Meeting last month. The membership of this club is comprised of railroad passenger agents in the City of Boston.

Noble Frank W. Barnard, who is a member of the Aleppo Arab Patrol, was installed last month as Grand Principle Sojourner of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. Noble Barnard is a Past High Priest of Mount Vernon Chapter of Roxbury and a Past High Priest of Reading Chapter of Reading.

Noble Oscar Leo, in visiting Shrine Headquarters recently to pay his 1946 dues, looked rather familiar once again in his civilian clothes and we learned that this was the third shift he had made in his life from military clothes to "civies." As far as is known, Noble Leo is Aleppo's only "triple veteran," having served in the Spanish War, World War I and World War II.

We salute you Noble Leo, you have done a noble job for your country.

Noble Isaac Fishman, Past Master of United Lodge, who is chairman of "The Aaron Pinkney Cabin Fund" announces that sufficient funds have been raised to build a cabin at the new Kiddie Kamp of the Knights of Pythias located on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, Mass. This cabin will house underprivileged boys and will be erected and named for Aaron Pinkney as a tribute to his founding of the movement by the Knights of Pythias of Massachusetts to send worthy underprivileged children free of charge, to summer camps. Eight years ago he conceived the idea of the Kiddie Kamps, which, up to this year have given over 4,000 boys of all races, colors and creeds a free summer vacation.

A new camp with larger and better facilities has just been purchased at Sharon and this will be one of the first cabins added. Noble Pinkney has just rounded out 25 years membership in Aleppo Temple. He obtained his inspiration to have the Knights of Pythias do something for children from the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children, and his movement for free summer camps has been taken up in other states by that order. Noble Julius Stone, Master of Temple Lodge is President and Past Potentate Wilson is one of the Vice Presidents of the Kiddie Kamp.

Another Noble of Aleppo recently honored was Col. Carl G. Richmond of Winchester, who was also awarded the Legion of Merit. Noble Richmond retires from active service January 22 and hopes to be able to attend Aleppo's Ceremonials and functions.

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By J. ARTHUR McCoy Associate Editor

OLD MAN WINTER certainly played havoc with our patrol Christmas party. With the caterer lost in the snow storm, it took the combined resourcefulness of Major Vaughan and Captain Sharpe to keep the program rolling, but they did it nicely. Everybody received a gift, including Bill Sharpe. George Gardner was presented a Shrine pin by way of congratulation for his accession to the office of Commander of the State Legion. The talk by Potentate Arthur Sondheim was cheerful and sincere as usual. The speeches of the other officers were brief which helped a lot. The entertainment which followed, consisted of moving pictures, and was good, but everybody was wondering whether he would get home in the storm.

We little suspected that Major Vaughan was to be stricken with pneumonia and was to spend Christmas in the hospital. That he responded quickly to the treatment with penicillin was good news and we are all glad that he is back home again, and getting along fine. He was critically ill on Christmas but out of danger within the week.

Congratulations to Fred Duncan, on his appointment as D. D. Grand Master of the Boston Third Masonic District. Fred is Past Master of Hammatt Lodge and it is just ten years since Justin was appointed to serve in that office, from Hammatt Lodge.

Bill Strong was given a testimonial party at the State House, December 21, on his retirement after twenty-five years service in the Veterans' Bureau.

Many of our members distinguished themselves in the war but it is seldom that the facts are learned. First Lieut. Fred H. Wilcke (with another higher officer) was awarded the Military Merit Medal, and extracts from the citation are given here:

"Commonwealth of the Philippines "Army Headquarters

"8 September 1945

"General Orders No. 160

"By direction of the President, and under the provisions of the War Department memorandum dated 17 May 1944, to the Secretary of National Defense, Commonwealth of the Philippines, the Military Merit Medal is awarded by the Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, to the following named officers:

"1st Lieut. Fred H. Wilcke

"For meritorious services during the periods 9 February to 28 June 1945 and 9 February 1945 to 1 September 1945 (the latter dates refer to Lieutenant Wilcke). As members of the Ord. Commercial Vehicles unit . . . they were responsible for placing agencies of the Commonwealth Government and particularly the City of Manila on wheels shortly after the libera-

tion of the City. They have devoted their untiring efforts to the recovery, evacuation and salvage of U.S. Army, Japanese and civilian vehicles and spare parts, under enemy fire in the districts of Ermita. Malate and Intramuros. . . . The organization established by these officers is today engaged in furnishing and repairing motor vehicles for branches of the Commonwealth Government.

> "By order of the Secretary of National Defense.

Basilio J. Valdes

"Major General, Philippine Army "Chief of Staff."

And now we have the saddest news for a long time in the death of two of our oldest members, Nathaniel Stacey, on December 12, 1945 and Arthur N. Hale on January 2, 1945.

Nathaniel Stacey was a member of Lafayette Lodge, Mt. Vernon Chapter and Coeur de Lion Commandery. He had been in the trucking business but retired several years ago. He was the oldest member of the patrol, have joined in 1911 and served continuously since that time. He was a sergeant on the fifth platoon.

Arthur N. Hale was a colorful figure on the patrol during many years as commander of the first platoon. He was an engineer on the Boston and Maine Railroad and ran the first streamlined Diesel powered engine between Boston and Portland. He joined the patrol in 1919 and has contributed richly to the efficiency and fellow-

ship of the organization. An excellent commanding officer, he has served as Captain of the Guards in Boston Commandery 29 years. His home, during the past few years, was at Upper Gloucester, Maine. Services were held January 4 at Lewiston, Maine and committal services were held January 5, at Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose, by Boston Commandery.

We shall remember these two grand men and their good works for many years.



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By Noble Charles C. Fearing Associate Editor

"RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

WE wonder if it would not be more appropriate to say "wring out the old." However, this old refrain greeted the New Year 1946 in the traditional manner. How that new year may "eventuate" none of us know. It is on the laps of the Gods, so to speak. But let us hope it will be a happy, busy and successful year for the Shrine Band. Many of the boys who have been in the service are, we believe, back in "civies" again, and there are a few new faces in the band line up. One of these is Noble Cutts, who made the trip across the hot sands at the last ceremonial, and has joined the trumpet section. Another new comer, in the trumpet section, a Noble whose name we did not learn, is often accompanied by his little daughter who is an interested spectator, and we understand plays trumpet in her school band.

At the last ceremonial we were wandering around waiting for the band to go into action, when we encountered a medical man from Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. George William Karelas, who was a "courtesy candidate" from Ararat Temple. We had an interesting little chat with him and hope we gave him some useful information in Re: wearing his fez. They say that anyone from Missouri has to be shown, and we trust the good doctor from Missouri was shown plenty, and that he will return to his native city with a good opinion of the hospitality for which Aleppo is noted.

We don't know whether the boys made any New Year Resolutions, but trust they made at least one, namely — to attend every rehearsal and band function possible, and to root for the band on all occasions. We realize good resolutions are hard to keep but let us resolve to keep this one throughout the year.

Through the courtesy of Noble "Cy" Hyde, Treasurer of the Hotel Touraine, we receive a copy of the "Breezy Corner" the house organ issued by the hotel. It is an interesting little paper and lives up to it's name — "Breezy."

The writing of an article every month for the News is some chore, when you don't have any news. They say that "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," but with us it springs so d—d far and so d—d fast we don't get a chance to grab it by the tail - Yet, we go on hoping.

How many times so far have you dated your letters 1945 instead of 1946? Yep! So have we.

IN the December issue of the Aleppo Monthly News an appeal was made for the payment of all membership circus tickets outstanding together with any donation the Nobles cared to make to assist the committee in meeting the over-subscription of tickets for underpriviledged children as well as to enable the officers in closing the books of the 5th Annual Circus.

Since that appeal the Nobles listed below have joined the Daddy Club by making returns on their circus membership book and donating as well, a part, or all of the book to be used to balance the ledger on Daddy tickets used at the show.

Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., chairman of the Aleppo Shrine Circus, has reported to Potentate Arthur A. Sondheim that the Temple may be assured of receiving \$10,500 profit from this year's circus.

A report of the amount will be found in the annual printed financial reports of the Temple to be issued by the auditors at the annual meeting January 25.

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By Noble J. Howard Macaulay Associate Editor

NE of my most important New Year's Resolutions is to spend more time in the preparation of this column for the Degree Staff and faithfully to report as much activity of the Degree Staff boys as can be printed. My job would be a whole lot easier if the members would supply me with news items and I hope during 1946 they will keep this in mind and supply me with information that would be of interest to the Nobility.

Our Recorder, Harvey Leggee, sent me a letter he received from a former member of the Degree Staff, R. S. Siers, from Rio de Janeiro. It is wonderful to know that we at least had a member who could write. Noble Siers gives his address as, Richard S. Siers, Av. Rio Branco, 10-15th., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and further adds, was very disappointed after arriving there to learn that Brazil had no Shrine. "I miss the swell times I had at the initiations as a member of the Degree Staff." We can say in answer, that we also have missed Noble Siers.

Director Frank Watson is all pepped up about the future of the Degree Staff and plans an extra special year of entertainment for the Nobility, using nothing but unrehearsed living candidates for actors.

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ALEPPO BOWLING NEWS

By VAIL K. HAAK

Associate Editor

WITH one match to go to finish the first half of our season there is only 4 points separating the first five teams in the league. In the past decade since the initiation of the league I do not recall of any year that the teams have been so bunched at this time in the schedule.

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The "Chief Rabbans" captained by "Right foot forward" Joe Stead are leading the league by one point, due to the supreme effort of their anchor man, Chase. The "High Priests" captained by "O! Man River" Herb Dyer ably supported by Al Whitworth and Dave Lees are in the second slot. The Gil Harvey captained team is in third place, 2 points off the top with "Ceremonial Masters" and "Potentates" 3 and 4 points away from the pace setters.

The night before this is being written, Milton Kerr the chubby automobile dealer (incidentally on my team) bowled a juicy 362 to take top honors away from Harold Chase who has been leading in the high three for the past few weeks with 346. Chase and Whitworth are still leading in the high single with 141. Whitworth with an average of 103, and a lead of 11 pins over Chase is still top man of the average totem pole, but Kerr is in third place with

101 and coming fast. How about that Milt?

"Chief Rabban's" 1,523 for team 3 and the "High Priest's" 544 team single is still safely tucked away.

J. C. Juthe our Vice-President is enjoying himself under the Florida sunshine and I have been told that his brother K. A. will soon trek to the sunny climes. Pretty soft for some people. Well here's wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and I hope that Santa was very good to you.

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